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Panchayat for Madukkarai

* 36 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to question No. 3553 on 6th April 1956—

(*a*) whether the State Government have received any report from the Collector of Coimbatore after 6th April 1956; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken therein?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The question of constituting a panchayat for the Madukkarai village has been deferred for the present.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் முன்பு பதில் சொல்லும்பொழுது "எலெக்ஷன் நடப்பதற்கு எல்லா ஏற்பாடுகளும் செய்துவிட்டோம். ஆனால் திடீர் என்று கம்பெனியாரிடமிருந்து எலெக்ஷன் நடத்தினால் அமைதிக்குப் பங்கம் ஏற்படும் என்று புகார் வந்ததால் பஞ்சாயத்து நிறுவுதல் ஒத்திவைக்கப்பட்டது. கலெக்டரிடம் இதுபற்றி ரிபோர்ட் கேட்டிருக்கிறோம். ரிபோர்ட் வந்த பிறகு தேர்தல் நடப்பதற்கு அனுமதி கொடுக்கப்படும்" என்று சொன்னார்கள். அமைதிக்குப் பங்கம் விளைவிக்கக்கூடிய நிலைமை அங்கு ஏற்பட்டதா? போலீஸ் அதற்கு என்ன நடவடிக்கை எடுத்தது? எதற்காக எடுத்தது?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI: அதுபற்றி கலெக்டரிடம் விசாரிக்கச்சொன்னேன். அவரும் விசாரித்து இது சம்பந்தமாக ரிபோர்ட் அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார். அங்கே அமைதிக்குப் பங்கம் விளைவிக்கும் சூழ்நிலை நிலவுவதாக அவர் ரிபோர்ட் அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார்.

Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: கலெக்டர் என்ன ரிபோர்ட் அனுப்பியிருக்கிறார்?

The Hon. Sri S. S. RAMASAMY PADAYACHI: எலெக்ஷன் நடந்தால் குழப்பம் ஏற்படும் என்று சொல்லியிருக்கிறார்.

Construction of Bird Sanctuaries

* 37 Q.—Sri N. K. PALANISAMY: Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any birds' sanctuaries have been constructed by the State Government; and

(*b*) if so, whether any amount has been granted by the Central Government towards their cost?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Schemes to help inland fishermen

* 38 Q.—Sri V. R. NAGARAJAN (on behalf of Sri K. Aranganathan): Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the various schemes, if any, to help inland fishermen?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: The following schemes of this Government will help the inland fishermen:—

1. Development and Exploitation of Major Reservoirs.

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2. Establishment of a model estuarine fish farm.
3. Intensive collection and distribution of fingerlings.
4. Establishment of Rural Fishery Demonstration Units.
5. Introduction of quick Transport Schemes.
6. Assistance to co-operative societies for marketing of fish.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Sir, wood for catamarans is required by fishermen to carry on their avocation. As it is not available in our State, we have been importing it from Ceylon. Now it has been stopped and the alternative source is now the Hyderabad State. Therefore, may I ask the Government to give all facilities liberally to such of those private individuals who approach the Government for transporting that wood from Hyderabad to Madras? Also railway facilities should be given to them liberally.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The question of making available wood for making catamarans is always looked into by the Government. As regards the specific point raised by the hon. Member, let him put a separate question.

SRI P. SELVARAJ : In view of the fact that there is a large demand for nylon nets, may I know whether the Government will come forward to supply nylon nets at subsidized rates? 9-50 a.m.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The Government have been examining this question.

SRI M. PALANIYANDI : கிராமக் குளங்களிலும், குட்டைகளிலும் மீன் பிடிப்பதற்குக் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கங்கள் அமைக்கப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன. அங்குள்ள கிராம மக்களுக்கு குத்தகைக்கு விடப்பட்டுவருவது பல இடங்களில் வழக்கமாக இருக்கிறது. இதனால் கிராம மக்கள் அந்த மீன்களை உபயோகித்துப் பயனடைய முடிகிறது. ஆனால் சில இடங்களில் இந்தக் கூட்டுறவுச் சங்கங்கள் ஒரு உபாதையாக இருக்கின்றன. ஆகவே இந்தச் சலுகைகளை கிராமங்களுக்கு கொடுப்பதற்கும், கிராமங்களில் கூட்டுறவு சங்கங்களை அமைப்பதற்கும் அரசாங்கம் முன்வருமா ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM . Of course that is one aspect of the question and the Government have been considering that. As far as possible the local people in the villages must be given this facility; but at the same time if these fishermen themselves form a co-operative society, the hon. Member will appreciate the consideration that should be shown to such a society.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Recently, inland fishermen held a conference at Rajaji Hall and they have submitted various proposals for the amelioration of their condition to the Government. May I know whether the Government have received any memorandum from them and if so what action the Government propose to take on them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The suggestion made by this conference have been under examination of the Government.

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SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : The Hon. Minister may be aware that from time immemorial the people residing in villages have been fishing from their own tanks and also lakes irrespective of considerations like caste, colour or creed. But these people have been deprived of their right of fishing in their own villages. Will the Government see that at least in the future the rights which they have been enjoying from time immemorial are restored so that they may not be prevented from fishing in their own tanks and lakes? I would also like to know whether there is any such community called inland fishermen community?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : As I have already pointed out, there are two sides to the question. The Government have been examining all aspects of the question and they would take decisions which would be in the best interests of the people and the fishermen who labour.

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : May I know from the Hon. Minister whether preference will be given to Harijans also as in the case of fishermen if they organize co-operative societies?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, I have already stated the preference that should be shown to co-operative societies. We do not consider fishermen a community by birth as such. All those who are engaged in catching fish, whatever be the community to which they belong, will be given due consideration.

SRI A. RATNAM : May I know from the Hon. Minister, what are the demands and sugestions made by inland fishermen at their conference held recently at Rajaji Hall?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am sorry, I do not have that information with me just now.

Veterinary dispensaries

* 39 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state when the Veterinary dispensary at Gingee will be converted into a hospital?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There is only a minor Veterinary dispensary at Gingee and there is no proposal to convert it into a Veterinary hospital at present.

* 40 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state how many Veterinary dispensaries and touring billets have no Veterinary Assistant Surgeons at present in the whole State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : There are 13 Veterinary hospitals and dispensaries, 29 Minor Veterinary dispensaries and 15 Touring Billets which are vacant at present for want of qualified Veterinary Assistant Surgeons.